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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (original): A reflective slide fastener comprising:

a pair of fastener tapes each having a row of coupling elements fixedly secured to and along a longitudinal edge of the fastener tape, and

reflective materials which exhibit retroreflection and are applied to the surfaces of the fastener tapes and/or coupling elements,

wherein said reflective materials are adapted to allow the color of the fastener tapes and/or coupling elements to be seen therethrough.

Claim 2 (original): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein said reflective material is transparent or translucent.

Claim 3 (original): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein said reflective material is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a reflective layer formed from a metal compound which has permeability to light.

Claim 4 (original): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein said reflective material is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a reflective layer formed from a metal compound which has permeability to light and a colored reflective layer containing a reflective pigment and being arranged under said reflective layer.

Claim 5 (original): A reflective tape manufactured by inweaving, interknitting or incorporating in a tape a thread-like and/or tape-like reflective material which exhibits retroreflection, wherein said reflective material is adapted to allow the color of the tape to be seen therethrough.

Claim 6 (original): The reflective tape according to claim 5, wherein said reflective material is transparent or translucent.

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Claim 7 (original): The reflective tape according to claim 5, wherein said reflective tape is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a reflective layer formed from a metal compound which has permeability to light.

Claim 8 (original): The reflective tape according to claim 5, wherein said reflective material is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a reflective layer formed from a metal compound which has permeability to light and a colored reflective layer containing a reflective pigment and being arranged under the reflective layer.

Claim 9 (new): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein said reflective material is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a layer of glass beads, a reflective layer which is disposed on said layer of glass beads and is formed from a metal compound having permeability to light, and a colored reflective layer containing a reflective pigment and being arranged under said reflective layer.

Claim 10 (new): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 9, wherein said metal compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, bismuth oxide, zirconium oxide, silicon oxide, zinc oxide and zinc sulfide.

Claim 11 (new): The reflective tape according to claim 5, wherein said reflective material is a transparent or translucent retroreflective material containing a layer of glass beads, a reflective layer which is disposed on said layer of glass beads and is formed from a metal compound having permeability to light, and a colored reflective layer containing a reflective pigment and being arranged under said reflective layer.

Claim 12 (new): The reflective slide fastener according to claim 11, wherein said metal compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, bismuth oxide, zirconium oxide, silicon oxide, zinc oxide and zinc sulfide.